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Dear Speaker Murphy,

I was disturbed to learn of the alleged altercation that took place last week between two members of the Legislature. As a former MLA and teacher, I believe Province House should be a safe and harassment free workplace. Members must be held to a high standard of conduct and when complaints arise they need to be dealt with in a prompt and impartial manner.

As the person who is ultimately responsible for the operation of the House of Assembly, I would like you to be aware that on April 13, 2012 I was confronted outside the chamber by the Member from Yarmouth, Zach Churchill, following an exchange in budget estimates. Mr. Churchill approached me when I exited the chambers and, using profane language, berated me verbally. Mr. Churchill poked me in the shoulder pushing me backwards while threatening me with his face very close to mine.

I reported the incident to the appropriate people in my caucus, and the decision was made to inform the leader of Mr. Churchill's party, the current Premier, and allow him to deal with the matter.

I trust you will take these comments in the constructive manner they are intended. If you have questions or would like to discuss any aspect of this correspondence further, I would be happy to do so.

Respectfully,

Ramona Jennex